



**A report on the most significant achievements of
the Department of Statistics (DoS) during the
first half of 2017**

Preface

The Department of Statistics (DoS) was established in 1949 in the early years of the emergence of the Jordanian state. The (DoS) assumed its duties on the basis of the Statistics Law No. 24 of 1950 which had outlined the (DoS) responsibilities and the delegated powers particularly maintaining data confidentiality and the privacy of individuals. Currently, the (DoS) is practicing its tasks in accordance with the Statistics Law No.12 of 2012.

By virtue of the law, the (DoS) is the sole official body authorized to conduct censuses and surveys in the Kingdom in addition to collecting and disseminating demographic, social, economic, agricultural, environmental and cultural statistics. Since its inception, the (DoS) has strived to develop the quality of its statistical data. It has also conducted a wide range of specialized censuses, surveys and studies. Furthermore, it is responsible for issuing many indicators that constitute the main pillars of policy and decision making.

The following are the most significant achievements of the Department of Statistics (DoS) during the first half of 2017:

- ***The Economic Reform Theme: The following achievements were made:***

1 – Preparing a new methodology for the *Household Expenditure & Income Survey* in cooperation with the World Bank. This survey

provides a number of new indicators such as the *Consumption Patterns Prevailing in Society*, the *Consumer Expenditure by the Jordanians and Non-Jordanians*, providing the *Commodity Relative Importance* used for preparing the consumer price index and the household expenditure on all goods and services, education and health care. The new methodology also contributes to collection of poverty pockets and quality of life indicators. The methodology completion ratio has reached 100%.

2 – The preparatory work for the *Population and Family Health Survey (PFHS) – 2017*. It is worth mentioning here that this survey is classified as one of the key periodic surveys carried out by the (DoS) every 5 years in cooperation with Macro International and the Ministry of Health. The survey aims to provide estimates of demographic indicators such as; fertility, mortality, family planning , fertility preferences, maternal and child health in addition to data on household expenditure on health care for providing a comprehensive health database for use by program directors and policy makers to assess and improve current and future health programs. It also provides data on family violence against women, early childhood development, height and weight measurements and anemia among children. The (DoS) began preparations for the survey that included the questionnaires, instructions manuals and setting up of electronic data collection systems since March 2017. The PFHS completion ratio has reached 30%.

3 – The (DoS) has continued the preparatory work for implementing the Agricultural Census – 2017 electronically which is conducted periodically every 10 years. This Census aims to provide a comprehensive modern frame for the agricultural activities constituting the basis for the annual and quarterly agricultural statistical surveys covering various dimensions such as; the agricultural area, production, inputs, livestock numbers, capital formation, agricultural prices, fisheries, bees and agricultural nurseries. The census completion ratio has reached 20%.

4 – Producing a number of important economic indicators as follows:

- Extracting the *Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the first quarter of 2017* at current and constant prices which reached to JD.6492.5 million at current prices and amounted to JD. 2727.3 million at constant prices.
- Extracting the *Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the second quarter of 2017* at current and constant prices which reached JD.6799.7 million at current prices and amounted to JD. 2960.4 million at constant prices.
- Calculating the *Economic Growth Rate* during the first and second quarters at constant prices

5 – The (DoS) has conducted a number of economic surveys during the first half of 2017:

- *Arrivals and Departures Survey*: completion rate 50%.
- *I T Specialized Establishments Survey*: completion rate 50%.
- *Institutional Needs for Jobs and Training Survey*: completion rate 50%.
- *Economic Surveys Project*: completion rate 40%.

6 – Work is underway to prepare the *Population Projection Report* until 2050 noting that work is in progress to prepare the *Population Projection Report* at the governorates level.

7 – Work has already begun for preparing an *international Guide* to conduct population censuses using modern technologies based on the successful and distinct experience of the (DoS) in implementing the 2015 census taking into account that the best international practices in data collection electronically have been used. Jordan has been chosen to participate in the preparation process of this *Guide* by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD). This manual will be adopted globally by all countries that intend to collect data using modern technologies. This *Guide* is expected to be finalized and published in early 2018. The Guide completion ratio has reached 50%.

8 – Compilation of the *Jordanian Statistical Atlas* which contains a wide range of statistical indicators that reflect the population size and

characteristics such as sex, nationality, health insurance, education and functional difficulties in addition to the **number** of refugees represented on maps within administrative levels (governorates, districts and sub-districts). The Atlas completion ratio has reached 80%.

9 – Preparing the specialized research papers for priority subjects and issues with the efforts of national teams from the (DoS) and relevant national institutions and experts have been completed. These papers covered various subjects (e.g., functional difficulties, marriage, buildings and housing units and health insurance) and were up loaded on the (DoS) website.

10 – Transferring the technical and electronic experience in implementing the population censuses to other Arab statistical agencies such as Lebanon and Sudan.

11 – Participating in international scientific statistical conferences such as the ISI Conference through scientifically-based papers by the (DoS) staff.

• ***The Education and Human Resources Theme: The following achievements were made:***

1 – Holding of specialized statistical and administrative courses and workshops in the *Jordanian Statistical Training Center (JSTC)* to raise the efficiency and capabilities of the (DoS) staff, public and private sector institutions. Ten (10) training courses were conducted for (168) employees from inside and outside the (DoS). The (DoS)

has also encouraged its staff to participate in courses abroad, where (30) employees have participated in (14) training activities outside Jordan.

- The **Administrative Reform Theme: The following achievements were made:**

1 – The (DoS) began the preparations for the National *Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS) 2018–2022* in a participatory manner in cooperation with statistical data stakeholders.

Many meetings, seminars and workshops were held for this purpose in partnership with all national institutions (represented by the advisory, guidance, technical and sectors' committees) and relevant international experts who extended valuable support. Through the (NSDS), the (DoS) endeavors to develop a national statistical system with the participation of various statistical–data producing institutions, develop other statistical–data producing directorates within the (DoS) and in the public institutions in accordance with the best international standards, constructing of unified national statistical databases, as well as providing indicators of sustainable development for serving the objectives of the Jordanian state by providing the planners and decision makers with their needs. The NSDS sectors' committees were formed and specialized workshops for them were held. The NSDS completion ratio has reached 40%.

- The **Services Sector Theme**: *The following achievements were made:*

- 1 – Providing the statistical indicators that measure Jordan's accomplishment of the *Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)* of 2030. The (DoS) began to prepare a national statistical indicators database for realizing the (17) objectives and the (169) goals of the SDGs.

- 2 – Developing of a GIS website that demonstrate the statistical indicators of the *General Population and Housing Census* according to the administrative divisions in the Kingdom in addition to displaying the main landmarks such as streets, schools and health centers in the form of geographical maps.

- The **Employment and Labour Force Sector Theme**: *The following achievements were made:*

- 1 – The *Labor Force Survey –2017* using a new methodology in line with the *International Labour Organization (ILO)* standards. The survey provided several new indicators including; the unemployment rates for Jordanians and non-Jordanians, informal labour, underemployment (time related), potential employment, determining the paid or non-paid works or those working in commercial or agricultural activities and economic participation rates for Jordanians and non-Jordanians. The first and second rounds were carried out during the first half of 2017

noting that the survey indicators have been produced. The LFS completion ratio has reached 45% during the first half of 2017.

2 – The *Newly Created Jobs Survey – 2016* (Second round). This survey is carried out bi-annually using a sample size of (40,000) households. It aims to identify the following:

- ✓ The demographic, social and economic characteristics of the individuals aged 15 years and above who have experienced a change in their economic situation.
- ✓ The extent of job opportunities created in the Jordanian labor market during the reference period.
- ✓ The occupations and businesses created by the labor market.

The *Newly Created Jobs Survey* completion ratio has reached 20%.